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The cited references are mentioned in the Search Report of applicant's corresponding International patent application and are believed relevant for at least that reason. Applicant is attaching herewith an English language Abstract for German Patent No. 197 52 708 A1. No English language equivalent is available for German Patent No. 89 09 521.9.

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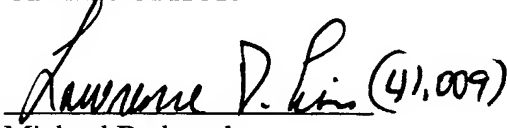
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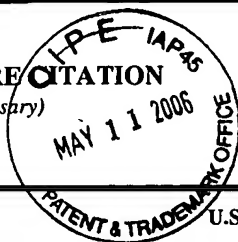
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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	1	3,111,232	11/19/1963	BENSON	214	1	03/21/1961
	2	3,871,477	03/18/1975	KUEST	182	63	02/07/1974
	3	4,715,760	12/29/1987	BROWNING	414	10	10/22/1986
	4	6,010,299	01/04/2000	JESSWEIN	414	743	05/08/1998
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## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
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	6	89 09 521.9	12/14/1989	GERMANY				✓
	7	197 52 708 A1	12/03/1998	GERMANY				✓

## **OTHER DOCUMENTS** (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		COPY OF INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT ENGLISH LANGUAGE ABSTRACT OF DE 197 52 708 A

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